

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 072105C]****New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Magnuson-Stevens Committee in August, 2005 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701; telephone: (508) 879-7200.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Committee will meet to review past comments on reauthorization as well as revisit and possibly revise draft comments presented at the June 2005 Council meeting in Portland, ME. Any committee recommendations will be forwarded for approval at the Council's September Council meeting scheduled in Fairhaven, MA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: July 21, 2005.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 071405B]****Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce

ACTION: Application for a scientific research permit (1535).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research permit application request relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on August 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be sent to Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5441 or by e-mail to resapps.nwr@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5441, e-mail: Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov). Permit application instructions are available at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following listed species (evolutionarily significant unit) is covered in this notice:

Puget Sound (PS) Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226).

NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

Applications Received*Permit 1535*

R2 Resource Consultants, Inc. (R2RC) is requesting a 2-year permit to take juvenile PS Chinook salmon during the course of two studies in the lower Green River watershed in Washington State. Study 1 would take place in the Green River Natural Resources Area (GRNRA), near the City of Kent, Washington, and Study 2 would take place in numerous streams and waterways within the City of Kent itself. The purpose of both studies is to ascertain where juvenile salmonids reside within the city's waters. The first study would determine how and when salmonids use the constructed habitat of the GRNRA detention lagoon. The second would identify streams and waterways within the city that contain salmonids. The fish would benefit from the research because the city of Kent would better be able to protect these important habitat areas once they are identified.

R2RC proposes to use two types of electrofishing set-ups: barge-based and backpack. The barge-based system would be used in Study 1, in the GRNRA detention lagoon. The backpack electrofishing unit would be used in Study 2. Depending on flow conditions, a fyke net may be used to monitor fish migration in the GRNRA. The net would be deployed and monitored for five consecutive days. Supplemental sampling may be conducted using minnow traps. All fish would be captured with a dip net and placed into a darkened recovery unit where they would be anesthetized, identified by species, and measured. R2RC does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured in either study, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated